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GOVERNOR

September 11, 2009

Subject: Public Act 096-0169, the Federal Stimulus Tracking Act.

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) on February 17th to address the economic crisis. The stimulus bill is designed to revive the economy and put Americans back to work over the next two years with \$499 billion in critical investments and \$288 billion in tax relief.

Illinois anticipates receiving up to \$14 billion to rebuild the economy and continue to provide critical support services. Over the past eight months, our state agencies have worked to secure the maximum amount of ARRA funds. As a result, Illinois has been recognized as a national leader, spending over \$3.5 billion in ARRA funds.

Pursuant to Public Act 096-0169, the Federal Stimulus Tracking Act, attached is a report that will provide monthly programmatic spending information. This first report covers ARRA expenditures through August 31, 2009. Reports will include an overview of implementation, including ARRA spending by agency and by category. Comprehensive lists of projects and grantees funded by the stimulus are available on the Illinois recovery website (www.recovery.illinois.gov), along with additional information about programs and agency contacts.

I look forward to sharing information about federal stimulus with you on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Quinn
State of Illinois



Federal Stimulus Monthly Report to the General Assembly

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Illinois Stimulus Performance

Since its passage earlier this year, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has funded recovery efforts across the state of Illinois. Some highlights include:

- As of August 31, 2009 Illinois has spent \$3,553,565,404 in Recovery Act Funds.
- Illinois ranks 2nd nationwide in total Recovery Act spending (source: *Recovery.gov*, September 3, 2009)
- 15,388 jobs have been created or sustained in Illinois by water, highway and public transportation projects. This represents one fifth of the total jobs created nationally (source: *House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*, September 2, 2009).
- Illinois has paid out \$268,935,757 on water, highway, and public transportation projects, the most in the nation. (source: *House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee* September 2, 2009).
- 728,921 unemployment insurance claimants in Illinois have received ARRA dollars (As of September 9, 2009).



ARRA funded gas line installation on 159th Street in Markham and Harvey, IL

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www.Recovery.Illinois.gov Data Enhancements

In an effort to maintain transparency and open communication lines with the people of Illinois, the Office of the Governor has created a website where up to date stimulus data is always available.

www.Recovery.Illinois.Gov contains spending data, maps, actual Illinois stimulus applications, news updates, program information, award notifications and important state government links.

The homepage features easily accessible mapping tools where projects are broken down based on spending by county and/or category of spending. The categories are: education, transportation, labor and health and human services. Within each category, award amounts are listed by agency. The project information tab features mapping capabilities which allow users to drill down to locate project specific data. The State Program tab features highlights of state programs, as well as relevant state contacts for each program area.

In addition, the Office of the Governor has launched topic-specific websites on stimulus funding in Illinois: www.dot.il.gov/stimulus/index.html and www.broadband.illinois.gov.

Our transparency and accountability efforts

include:

- Launching of the website Recovery.Illinois.gov
- Creating the Governor's Accountability Office
- Mapping data of where the funds are being spent
- Posting Notice of Award letters, Certifications, and ARRA applications



The Illinois Stimulus Team

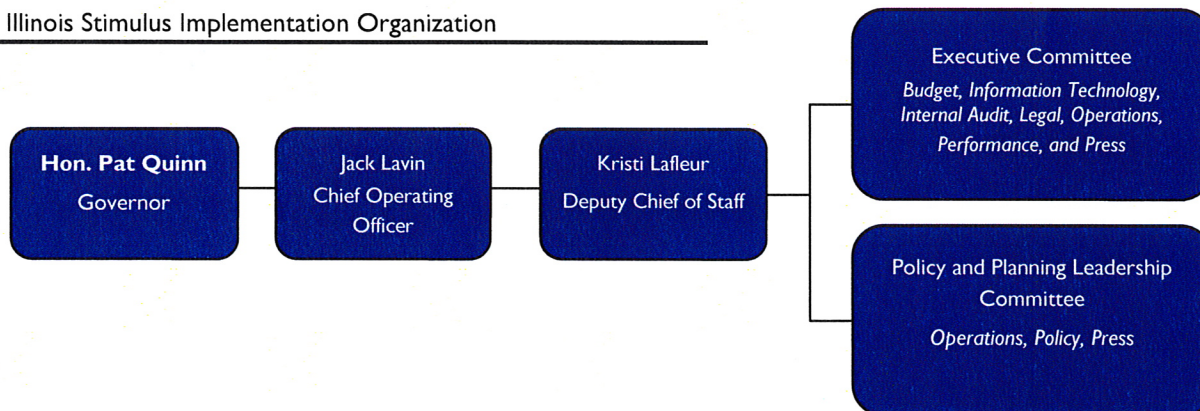
In response to the economic crisis, Governor Pat Quinn, under Chief Operating Officer Jack Lavin, convened an ARRA Executive Committee to oversee the operations and tracking of stimulus funds available to the state. The ARRA Executive Committee, chaired by Deputy Chief of Staff Kristi Lafleur, includes the Governor's Office of Management and Budget; the Chief Information Officer, General Counsel, and Press Information Officer; and The Illinois Office of Internal Audit.

Lafleur and Governor's office staff convened a Policy Planning and Leadership Committee to oversee eight policy focused working groups to provide policy direction, coordinate agency investments, maximize ARRA funding for the state and leverage additional funding and support to increase the impact and sustainability of the stimulus. Each group is chaired by a member of the Governor's Office or senior level administration official and the group's membership consists primarily of those state agencies that are directly responsible for coordinating ARRA programs.

Policy Working Groups

- Broadband
- Education
- Energy and Environment
- Health IT
- Housing
- Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Job Training
- Public Safety

Illinois Stimulus Implementation Organization



While the Governor's Accountability Office and the Office of the Governor's legal counsel are working to prevent and detect ARRA fraud, misuse, or waste, www.whistleblower.illinois.gov is a way for citizens and state employees to report wrongdoing with federal stimulus funds

Compliance with Federal Requirements

Many prime recipients of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds (entities that receive funding directly from the Federal Government) are subject to extensive reporting requirements as detailed in Section 1512c of the Act. These reports are due to Federalreporting.gov on the 10th day after each quarter, the first report is due on October 10th, 2009. Each state agency that receives ARRA funding is considered a prime recipient. In Illinois, twenty five state agencies are managing over one hundred ARRA Programs.

The information Agencies are required to report: ARRA funding received in the period, geographic information on where funds were spent, lists of sub-recipients and contractors receiving ARRA funds, and the names of the five most highly compensated individuals from agencies or sub-recipients or contractors (if that data is not otherwise publicly available). In addition, agencies must report on the numbers of jobs created or retained through the use of ARRA dollars.



Midwest High Speed Rail



On July 27, 2009, Governor Quinn along with Senator Durbin, Mayor Daley and the Chicago Community Trust hosted the Midwest High Speed Rail Summit in Chicago. The summit resulted in eight Midwest Governors signing a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the Midwest's high speed rail application plan, featuring Chicago as the hub.

The first round of stimulus applications were submitted on August 24th, the second round are due on October 2nd. Announcements for round one are expected from the federal government by the end of October.

The MOU also created a Midwest Steering committee, chaired by Illinois member Kristi Lafleur. The group regularly meets to discuss the Midwest coordination. On September 16th, the entire eight state steering committee will travel to Washington, DC to meet with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Federal Railway Administrator Joseph Szabo, and the Midwest High Speed Rail Caucus.

To see a copy of the MOU, visit www.recovery.illinois.gov/Memoranda.htm



Illinois, along with 7 other Midwestern states and the City of Chicago, signed a Memorandum of Understanding, for high speed passenger rail

Broadband

The State of Illinois is actively supporting communities and anchor institutions in their effort to secure broadband ARRA funds. Additionally, the state plans to expand and upgrade the Illinois Century Network, which is the largest state broadband network in the nation. Governor Pat Quinn has established priorities for this area through the Broadband Deployment Council during his tenure as Lt. Governor, and this federal broadband funding will help the state realize the goals defined in July 2008. Illinois seeks to play a leading role in broadband nationally, by fostering advanced infrastructure and innovative applications within the state.

Workforce Investment Act Summer Youth Program

The State of Illinois launched a Youth Summer Employment Program through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Department of Human Services, to provide employment opportunities to disadvantaged youth. The program offers youth the chance to gain valuable work experience and education while exploring careers and volunteer opportunities.

The program was made possible through American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds as well as supplementary Department of Human Services state funds. It partners approximately 2,500 young people with state agencies, community colleges and non-profit organizations. This is in addition to the approximately 15,000 summer jobs funded through ARRA for the expanded WIA Program. Programs will run through September 30, 2009.

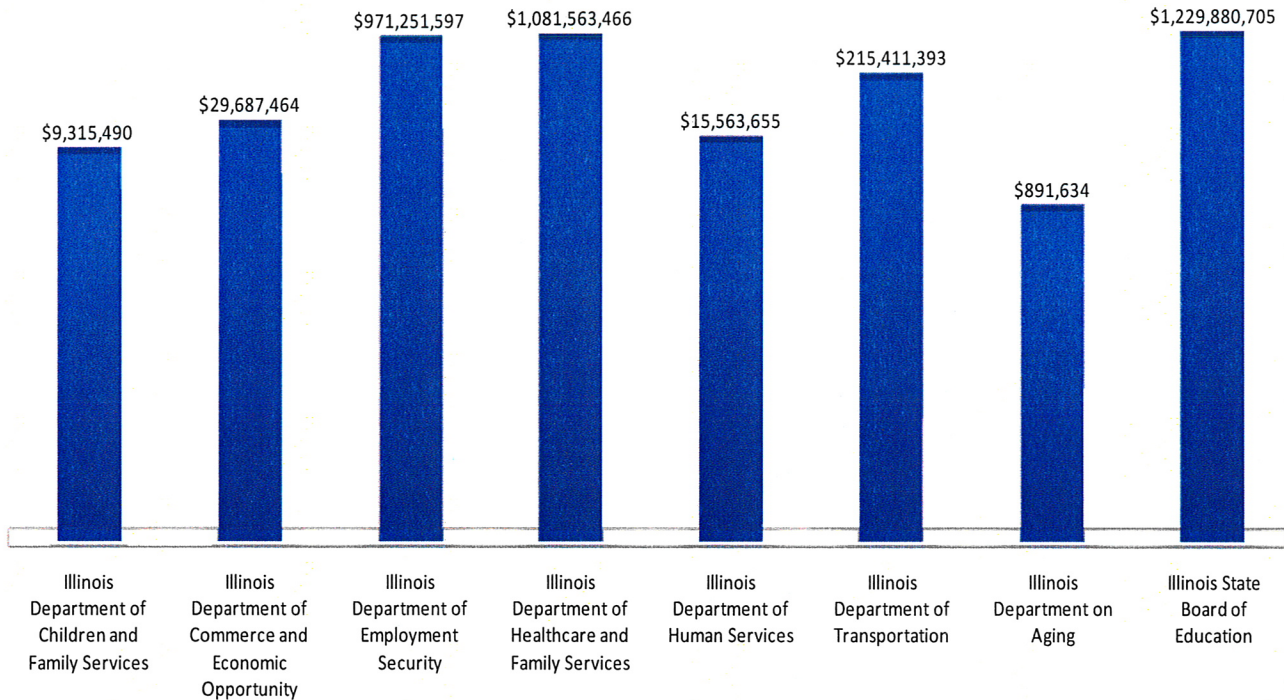
Cobra Expansion

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, those who formerly worked at companies of 20 employees or more are now eligible for a subsidy that reduces by 65 percent the cost of COBRA health care coverage. On June 18th 2009, Governor Quinn took this legislation a step further by signing legislation to extend the Recovery Act to also include those who formerly worked at companies of 20 employees or less to be eligible for a 65% subsidy. The signing of this legislation has helped many workers of small businesses and their families make it through these difficult economic times.



As of August 31, 2009 the Recovery Act benefit to Illinois has reached \$3,553,565,404

ARRA Benefit by Agency



ARRA Benefit by Category

